

Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule RSMo 21.795.2.(3)

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(3) The proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys and **the proposed work plan for the current fiscal year, at least the next four years**, and for any period of time expressed in any public transportation plan approved by either the general assembly or by the voters of Missouri. This proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys shall include the amounts of proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys in each of the categories listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection; ..."* Section 21.795.2(3), RSMo Supp. 1998 (emphasis added).

MoDOT has proposed a specific plan for highway construction covering the next five years. The plan relies only on currently anticipated revenues and it specifies projects expected to be placed under contract in the years 2001 through 2005. As each year of the plan is completed, a new year is added.

Through 2003, expansion projects remain the focus of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule. The schedule also allocates much-needed additional funding for road and bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as some unallocated funds for future economic development purposes and other unforeseen needs. Beginning in 2004, emphasis may be shifted to rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in accordance with the principles set out in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Other needs must also be addressed, but more emphasis may, by necessity, be placed on preserving the existing system. Any project not in the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule is uncertain and may not be built due to lack of sufficient revenues.

The needs addressed in the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule include the following.

- Safety
- Preservation
- Congestion relief
- Connectivity
- Operational efficiency
- Economic development
- Mon-motorized options

Meeting the deadlines of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule depends on funding at anticipated levels, meeting environmental requirements, resolving legal issues, and obtaining concurrence from local planning organizations in project selection and funding.

Program Assumptions

In order for projects listed in this section to proceed as scheduled herein, all of the following conditions must be met:

- ♦ Obtaining state and federal funding at expected levels
- ♦ Meeting environmental requirements
- ♦ Resolving legal matters on a timely basis, especially right-of-way acquisitions and utility relocations
- ♦ Receiving metropolitan planning organization concurrence on projects in Columbia, Joplin, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Springfield

An inflation factor of 3 percent has been applied to each of the second, third, fourth, and fifth years of the program.